

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Lavin, on January 11, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)  
Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Abigail Konen, Committee Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 174, 1/5/17; HB 170, 1/5/17; HB 92, 1/3/2017

**HEARING ON HB 174**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:08 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, Revising vehicle requirements for the use of headlamps and tail lamps.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:40 Jerry Williams, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:49 Rep. Doane  
00:05:19 Rep. Usher  
00:05:27 Rep. Doane  
00:05:43 Rep. Usher  
00:06:09 Rep. Hamilton  
00:06:29 Rep. Usher  
00:07:12 Rep. Smith  
00:07:30 Rep. Usher  
00:07:55 Rep. Fern  
00:08:56 Rep. Usher  
00:09:30 Chair Lavin

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:56 Rep. Usher

**HEARING ON HB 170**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:11:59 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 25, Reducing vehicle fees for seniors.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:13:10 Amy Sassano, Deputy Budget Director, Governor's Office  
00:13:41 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association, (MCTA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:17:08 Rep. Fern  
00:17:39 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA  
00:17:57 Rep. Loge  
00:18:20 Rep. Trebas  
00:19:20 Rep. Hamilton  
00:19:51 Rep. Trebas  
00:20:18 Rep. Fern

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:36 Rep. Trebas

**HEARING ON HB 92**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:34 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, Allow for alternative contracting process for the department of transportation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:25:14 Mike Tooley, Director, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

00:26:32 Kevin Christensen, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

[EXHIBIT\(trh08a01\)](#)

00:30:15 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors' Association, (MCA)

[EXHIBIT\(trh08a02\)](#)

00:32:10 Bill Lloyd, American Council of Engineering Companies

00:34:07 Rep. Keane

00:36:24 Rick Griffith, Transportation Commission

00:37:10 Alan Frankl, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:41:50 Dan O'Neill, Self

**Informational Testimony:**

00:56:47 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration, (DOA)

00:58:00 Rep. McKamey arrived

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:57:31 Rep. Fern

00:58:03 Kevin Christensen, MDT

00:58:59 Rep. Fern

00:59:25 Kevin Christensen, MDT

01:00:30 Rep. Loge

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:01:48 Rep. Garner

01:04:59 Chair Lavin

[EXHIBIT\(trh08a03\)](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:08:38

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Abigail Konen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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